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The Everything Learning German Book: Speak, Write, And Understand Basic German In No Time



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

This book is superb! I am married to a native German speaker and need all the help I can get. I am writing as a self taught German student that is trying to learn all as fast as possible. This book starts off slow with very useful vocabulary. There is an excellent pronunciation section which is very

necessary with German. I very much like how new vocabulary and workbook pages are mixed together. Everything is index so perfectly so it is easy to find help within the book. All new vocabulary have translation so there is no need for an extra dictionary with this book. The presentation is very well done. It is a basic level book (as the title mentions) so it is great for new students or self taught students. The book can be used again and again for practice. There are so many words to learn and exercises to do making this book well worth the money. I am very sorry this book was not available when I began my studies! The author is very talented. Thanks to him for such a useful book and hopefully there will be more advanced books with audio programs in the future.

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I am a native English speaker, and I find myself living in Germany for the foreseeable future. I wanted to learn completely by immersion, but my progress stalled. I bought this book to assist me and I love it. I sat down and read it through, and before I even did the exercises I understood so much more about German. I had several "Oh yeah! I get it now!" moments. I find the explanations helpful and the grammar sections to be pretty straightforward. And of course, the random facts are interesting and break up the reading nicely. Having said all that, German is my fourth foreign language. I can't really remember the problems I had studying my first foreign language, but this book seems to be on a level helpful to anyone. I'm currently on my third time through it, and as yet have found no faults according to my own learning needs. For the price, I say it's a good gamble; incredibly helpful at best and a useful reference (to augment other texts) at worst. To those just learning a second language, don't give up. The hardest part about learning a language is learning how you personally learn another language best. Once you get the knack (and the appropriate learning aids), they're cake.

I recommend this book to anyone interested in learning the German Language. It is full of all the little questions and answers that other books lack. Last year I decided to start teaching myself German and for someone who has language based learning disabilities this was going to be a challenge. Since I started teaching myself German I have mostly used audio CD's, some of which come with books to aid you. I found all of these CD books to be unhelpful since they all usually

moved to fast and did not explain or answer the small questions that someone would naturally develop as they started learning. Because of the lack of information in these CD books I ended up only focused on the CD's themselves. After nine months I was feeling confident enough and had enough questions to start learning the rules of the German language so I began hunting for a good book to help me. When I found this book I immediately knew this was the one. It starts off with the very basics by explaining the origins of the German/English languages and how they broke apart and differ from each other. As the book moves forward the author adds notes and explanations to many of the questions that one might ask. I am still reading this book and will probably re-read it many times using it as my German language text book but I am confident that between this book, a vocabulary book and some audio CD's I will eventually teach myself this language. I give this book a big thumbs up!

This book is phenomenal. It is written with concise common sense and humor. I am a student who just began learning German professionally 20 hours/week. I use this book as my self-selected textbook; I refer to it every day. Edward Swick wrote it for Americans and it has all the grammar rules and the short cuts to remember them. The best feature is the pronunciation guides after German words: particularly helpful with sounds we don't have in American English, such as the guttural "ch" and the three umlaut letters. This book also includes cultural information, the new spelling rules, common German usage, and appendices with basic German-English and English-German dictionaries. Combine this book with some CD's such as Learn in Your Car German and you will be learning German in no time!

As a holder of a masters degree in German who has used the language professionally throughout a lifetime, I am well aware of the pitfalls that accompany its learning. They are frequently the reason for abandoning the pursuit of its mastery as unending challenges stifle enthusiasm.. This book simplifies the bugaboos of sentence, declension, and case to a remarkable degree and in the process provides comprehensibility to the extent of putting the seemingly unattainable within ones immediate grasp. As is ever the case, A time commitment is needed, but rapid progress should be possible for any student who is willing to spend a relatively small amount of time when compared to other systems. For the college student fulfilling requirements, the basic knowledge in this book will save much time and effort and encourage further painless pursuit... Just add vocabulary and GO!!!! A fine and useful book to anyone with an interest in the German language.

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